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Summary: Frances E. Dolan, professor of English at the University of California-Davis, will deliver the lecture.

(September 16, 2014)-Frances E. Dolan, professor of English at the University of California-Davis, will be the featured speaker at the 2014 Barber Lecture on Wednesday, October 1, at 7:30 p.m. in the Humanities Fine Arts Recital Hall. The title of Dolan's talk is "Know Your Food: Turnips, Shakespeare's Titus Andronicus, and the Local."

Dolan will argue that early modern people disagreed both about the value of what we might call the local and about what that might mean. She will focus her inquiry by tracking the humble turnip from homicide indictments, to treatises on crop rotation and soil amendment, to botanicals and jestbooks, uncovering profound disagreement as to whether the turnip is local or outlandish, food for people or for pigs, nourishing or poisonous. She will then turn to Titus Andronicus because it has proved a key text for recent students of food, sources, and place. Tying Titus to turnips, she will emphasize the ways in which the play, like the turnip, casts doubt on the connection between sustenance and place, on what it means to know one's food, and whether it would be a good thing if one did.

Dolan is the author of four books, most recently *True Relations: Reading, Literature, and Evidence in Seventeenth-Century England*. She has published essays in numerous edited collections and journals and is the editor of *The Taming of the Shrew: Texts and Contexts* as well as five plays for the new Pelican Shakespeare. A former president of the Shakespeare Association of America, she has been awarded fellowships from the National Endowment for the Humanities, the John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation, and the Huntington Library.

The Barber Lecture Series is made possible by a gift to the University of Minnesota, Morris from Laird Barber, professor emeritus of English, and the late Dorothy Barber.

The 2014 Barber Lecture is free and open to the public. It will also be streamed live at morris.umn.edu/ondemand. Additional information is available at [online](#).

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